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SUBJ: ACS/NRC WORKSHOP ON R & D PROJECTS

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1. EGYPTIAN REACTION TO SUBJECT WORKSHOP WAS HIGHLY POSITIVE. SEVERAL PARTICIPANTS REMARKED THAT PARTICULAR VALUE WAS IN WORKING TOGETHER WITH FIRST RATE US CHEMISTS ON REAL PROBLEM AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE TO EGYPT; RATHER THAN SIMPLY LISTENING TO ACADEMIC PAPERS.

2. WE FEEL THAT US PARTICIPANTS ALSO HAD A GENERALLY POSITIVE VIEW, ALTHOUGH AS ALWAYS, PROBLEM WILL BE FOLLOW UP ACTIVITIES: JOINT PROJECT ACTIVITIES FOR FUTURE WERE OUTLINED IN THE VARIOUS SUB GROUPS. THESE PROPOSALS SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FROM GORDON BIXLER, ACS. HOPEFULLY, AT LEAST SOME OF THESE CAN QUALIFY FOR SUPPORT FROM SOME APPROPRIATE USG AGENCY. THIS SHOULD BE EXPLORED; EGYPTIAN EXPECTATIONS FOR A CONTINUED EFFORT ARE HIGH AND WE HOPE SOMETHING CAN EVOLVE.

3. SEVERAL OF THE US INDUSTRIALISTS PRESENT OFFERED TO TAKE YOUNG EGYPTIAN CHEMISTS INTO THEIR ORGANIZATIONS FOR A YEAR OR SO AND UNCLASSIFIED

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PUT THEM TO WORK AS "INTERNS" WORKING ON SALARY IN NORMAL COMPANY ENVIRONMENTS. AIR FARE WOULD HAVE TO BE FOUND. AID HAS PROGRAMS THAT MIGHT BE USEFUL HERE, HOWEVER ONE REAL PROBLEM IS THAT ONCE EXPOSED TO US ENVIRONMENT AND US SALARIES, "INTERNS" MIGHT BE RELUCTANT TO STAY AT OLD JOBS AFTER RETURN.

4. A FINAL POINT WORTH NOTING IS THAT, ACS BROUGHT PEOPLE OUT HERE,

FROM INDUSTRY AND ACADEMIA, OF VERY HIGH CALIBER; CHEMISTS WHO
NORMALLY GET \$500/DAY OR MORE FOR CONSULTING. THE ABILITY TO BRING
TOGETHER SUCH EXCELLENT TALENT AT A PRICE WHICH, ALL CONSIDERED,
WAS REASONABLE IS A PLUS.EILTS

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